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10,000 Soldiers Parade as 9th Celebrates 39th Anniversary

26 Field Artillery News

by Joe McKenzie

I wished I had gone to Boston.

Those words will be on the tongues of all when they read the OCTOFOIL about the 1957 convention. It is difficult to know just where to start to describe this convention. The weather is always a good topic of conversation.

No one had a word of complaint about the weather. If you thought it would be hot, sticky, muggy or uncomfortable you were wrong. A cool breeze prevailed throughout the weekend. Yes we had plenty of sun the way you like it.

Since 1952 the hotel made many improvements in the air conditioning. The room in which the beer party was held was the most comfortable one in the hotel. For those who just sipped, sat, chatted and listened to the tunes of Burt Edwards this room had a complete relaxing atmosphere.

The temperature of the main ball room was such that the rock-n-rollers, tango, sambo, cha-cha dancers were cool as cucumbers while going through various maneuvers to the tunes of the Burt Edwards' Band.

Visitors who took the guided bus tour were thrilled with old Boston. After the trip many returned to the scenes by foot and by taxi to get a longer look at historic Boston.

A word of praise must be given to those who marched to the State House for our Memorial Service. Many fellows think that they cannot walk. When their wife says "Tom I need a loaf of bread" he jumps in the car to the corner greeter. But to see Tom march in our parade to the tunes of a good band revives the spirit and the will he had many years ago.

For those who had any questions as to how we won the war or why such a thing was done ex-ninth men had only to visit the Statler lobby. General Westmoreland and General Craig could be seen and talked to at almost any time of the day. You missed something if you did not talk to either of these gentlemen.

TV fans throughout New England saw General Westmoreland, Jim McLaughlin and Vic Campisi on the Louise Morgan show on three different days.

The comments, ad-libbing, etc. between Fr. Connors and General Westmoreland was of tremendous interest to the men of the Ninth Division Color Guard who were flown to Boston from their camp at Ft. Carson, Colorado. Their

presence in the line of march had a certain feeling that is hard to explain.

I know that there were engineers.
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New York Chapter News

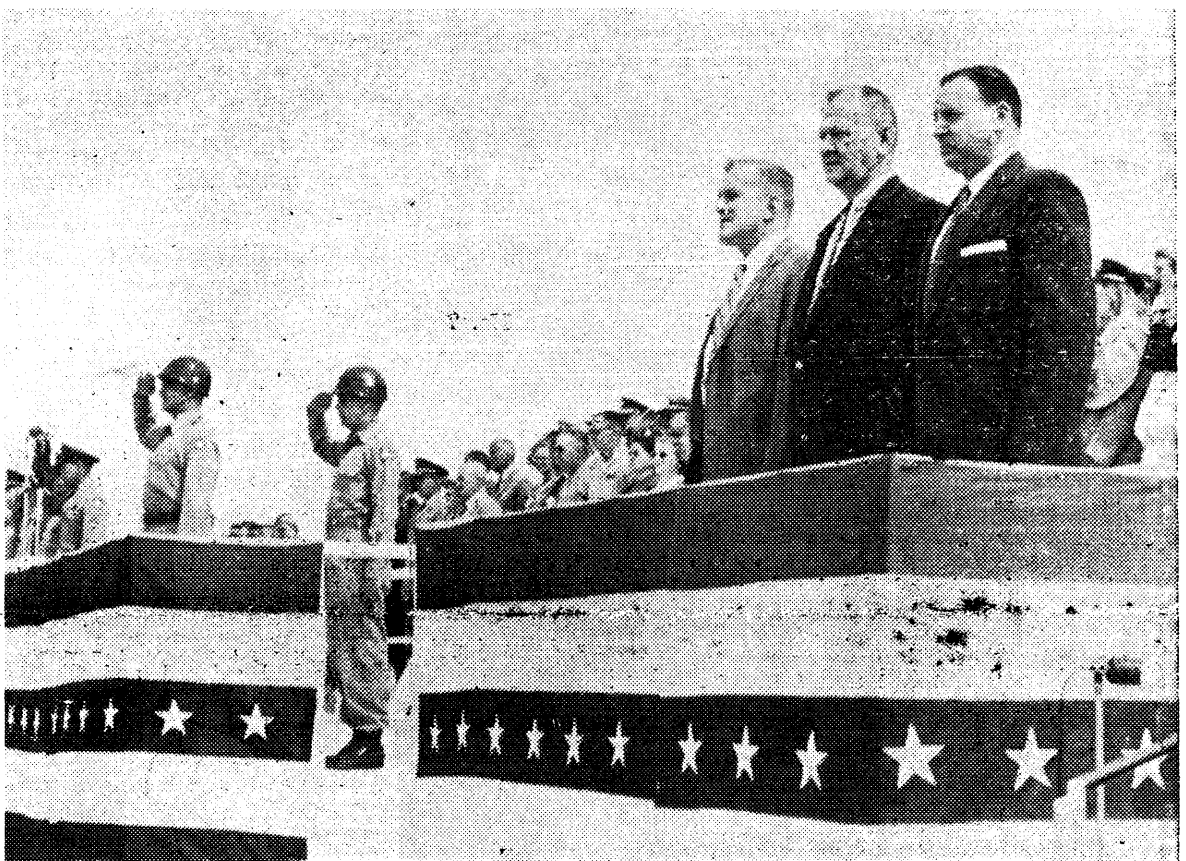
The summer sun has receded, and with it faded the memories of the Boston reunion. However the New York Chapter has two new members of the Board, Vincent Iannucci and Arthur Schmidt who will now council the chapter on national happenings. Speaking of happenings, we were sorry to hear about Stanley Putt being hospitalized. We hope by the time Stan reads this, he is well on his way to recovery. . .

Speaking of happenings, the National Secretary has a new one. . . A little girl who arrived on September 7th and this now makes two, Judith Ann and her sister Susan. . .

The last meeting of the New York Chapter brought out some very interesting items, to wit: How about starting a blood bank, this is how it will work. The blood bank will only be for members, not their families. It will be strictly on a volunteer basis. Anyone interested contact the National Secretary in Livingston, N. J. What will happen is as follows: Your name will be placed in a special file. We will not call unless it is an emergency. We would like to have as many men participate as possible. Remember it could happen to you. Protect yourself and help others. This is your blood bank. All information will be centered at the national office. The call is Livingston 6-2235, we will then notify men nearest to the needed member to report for blood donations. Again this is only for the members not their families. No blood will be taken unless it is an emergency. You merely file now for action later on.

Dance

Yes, why not participate. . . It will be at the Hotel Victoria on October 26th, 1957 and the price of admission will be \$2.00 per—\$4.00 gains you into this hotel of revelry. . . Don't hesitate, it might be too late, join the N. Y. lead off kick of the '57 Fall Social season. Don't wait, today contact Dom Miele at 9th Inf. Div. Ass'n, P.O. Box 1108, G.P.O. N. Y. for tickets. Hot band — good friends — plenty of fun!



9TH DIVISION ASS'N OFFICIALS — Three officials of the 9th Infantry Division Association view the 9th's hour-long parade during its recent Organization Day Activities at Fort Carson. The former "Old Reliables" are, from right, Glenn Moore, 1958 9th Division Convention Chairman; John Clouser, association president; and Stanley Cohen, secretary treasurer. (US Army photo)

Fort Carson, Colorado Scene of Division Activities

On August 31st, the Ninth Infantry Division celebrated the 39th anniversary of the Ninth Infantry Division. We who were privileged to attend these ceremonies will remember this day for a long, long time. After serving with the Ninth, then seeing the new Ninth as it is today is a memorable experience. At 1000, a stirring display parade of

led artillery pieces, five tanks, a troop carrier and other vehicles. Before the parade began, a history of the Ninth was broadcasted with sound effects by six howitzers stationed about a quarter of a mile away. As each battle action was named, a howitzer fired a salute. This was one of the most impressive sights of the day. The Rocky Mountains that framed the area could have been the Atlas mountains, the mountains in Sicily, in France or Belgium or Germany, here indeed was background that was part of the Ninth's history.

The New Company Mess Halls

After the parade, John Clouser, Glenn Moore, and myself were invited to attend various company mess halls for lunch. As an old infantry man who remembers the mess halls back at Bragg, and in England and in Germany, all I could think of was a long table with long benches. Gentlemen, here was a new innovation that was a sight for sure eyes. The mess halls of today do not in

any way, shape, size or manner resemble the mess hall of yesterday. For example, the table set-up. . . four to a table, and table cloths, napkins, curtains on the windows, murals on the walls, exhaust fans in the kitchen, separate ice boxes, potato peeling machines, dish washers, but above all the food. Of course nothing like mother used to make, but let us tell you now that the food is something. Oh, one other thing that I saw, a daily menu bulletin board as you enter the mess hall. Now you know how an old veteran felt while eating some delicious chow the new army style. . .

Choral Contest

Kit Carson field was the next field of action, for here were representatives of the Ninth from the Division Artillery, the 39th, the 47th and the 60th Infantry Regiments ready to compete for audience approval with military and other songs. Each group consisted of about 50 men and each one could have won the contest single handed. However, after the

Choral Contest

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EDITORIAL:

All Present And Accounted for

The last note of the bugle reverberated against the mountain walls, our eyes were fixed onto the massed colors of the Ninth Division. Behind the colors, in majestic splendor were the tall and stately Rocky Mountains.

On each side were vast columns of troops. Troops that had been gathered together for the first time in three years. 10,000 men came to attention as the troop commander reported,

"ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR"

Then the parade started. From far off the marching band began to play. Behind the band heads up with straight backs, flags held stiffened by the breeze, the Ninth Division marched out of the sun into the parade ground amid a great cloud of khaki.

The old soldiers stationed in the stands saluted the young men who are the present representatives of a famous division.

Every unit was represented; the flags, the battle pennants, the company and battery insignas. Above all, came the men behind the guns. Here were a combination of young soldiers that brought a swell to the throats of the old soldiers. Men who have been in the army from one to six weeks or more paraded as if they had been old campaigners and the old timers paraded like the true soldiers of the Ninth.

The mighty Air Corps of the Infantry, "The Cubs" have a new partner; the helicopter. The wings of the Infantry buzzed the field signifying the new power in the air that is now part of the new Ninth.

Jeeps with recoilless rifles, tanks with bigger guns than we recall, new equipment, new men but the same old mascots. Yes, you guessed it, the ever present dogs to help the troops parade.

As the troops marched by one could see the visions of yesterday's Division parades at Bragg, North Africa, Sicily, England, etc., etc., but no matter which area one can remember, they all added up to the same scene. . . THE NINTH ON PARADE.

With a strong summer sun beating a tatoo of heat we did not see one faltering step. Every man who passed the stands paraded like a true veteran of the Ninth.

Gentlemen, we of the old can be proud of the new Ninth.

We would like to report to you,

"ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR".

New Guard Salute

by Austin Lake

The following is a reprint of an article written by Mr. Austin Lake which appeared in the July 5th edition of the Boston Evening American:

THE OLD MISSIONARY gun-club is holding its annual 'I remember-when' shindig in Boston this week-end, the alumni of the famed Ninth Infantry Division whose shoulder emblem is the red-and-blue octofoil. These are the citizen-soldiers, those who survive, who fought through North Africa, Sicily, the Cherbourg Peninsula, Belgium, the Ruhr and who met the Russians at Wittenberg.

Takes only a moment to tell it! But how agonizingly long it took to DO it.

So here is the old Ninth, the mud-rain-dust, wind and sleet boys who lived like military woodchucks when I last saw them among the fortified hedge-rows of Normandy when they were rawhide lean and formed the cutting edge of Omar Bradley's army. Yes, here they are, 13 years later — bald and grey, fat and skinny, rich and poor.

Soldier of the Silver Cross

THE DINNER BROCHURE READS, "Toastmaster, Rev. Fr. Edward T. Connors." That rings memory's bell. Sure! "Tough Guy" Connors of Uxbridge, the Ninth's beloved Catholic chaplain who used to adopt an attitude of bogus ferocity toward his dotting men. 1st Lt. Connors he was when I first saw him in a soggy, fog-filled hollow of the Hampshire hills near the ancient Saxon town of Winchester, England. Passing soldiery had grinned and flirted paws with less of a salute due Lt. Connors' rank than as a fraternal sign. The chaplain grinned back — not one of those painted-egg smiles of a professional sunshine spreader but an honest-to-God smile which radiated from the oven of his heart. The men of the Ninth obeyed their officers with a docile discipline. But they'd storm the ramparts of hell for Fr. Connors.

The scene changes! Once again it is late July of '43 outside the little Norman town of St. Sauveur, before Cherbourg. A team of U.S. little-bearers comes thru a shell-pocked orchard, trundling a motionless figure, which they set down at a first aid station where a medic sergeant takes a quick, appraising glance, then arranges his plasma gear.

The non-com mixes distilled water in a jar of dry, yellow plasma-granules, then inserts an intravenous needle at the end of a rubber tube into the wounded man's arm artery. He watches the amber elixir bubble while, slowly, the tides of rosy life color the man's pallid cheeks. Nearby a on his helmet, kneels beside the inert form and intones, "Domine, exaudi vocem meam. . ." (Lord, hear my prayer.) The sergeant says "He'll make it, Father." Tough Guy Connors!

The scene changes. It's mid-August of '43 outside the Norman town of Mortain. It isn't Sunday, yet a circle of soldiers kneel in a farm field beside the placid waters of the River See. It isn't Sunday but the men's heads are bowed and they thump clenched fists against their hearts while a chaplain lifts his face to the hot August sky and says, "Heavenly Father, for the safe return of these men we give thanks. For those who did not we beg divine

mercy."

The soldiers' eyes are red-rimmed, their cheeks haggard, their chins unshaved. These and others who sleep exhaustedly on the edge of a cow pasture are remnants of the 60th combat team which for 36 hours withstood a ferocious assault by a Nazi SS division which sought to cut the American corridor between Avranches and Mortain. The man fingering the purple stole is Fr. Connors.

Work On, Each Expendable

NOW IT'S MIDNIGHT in a woodsy countryside beyond Faverolles. A red harvest moon sheds diffused light over a field pitted with foxholes of the 47th Infantry regiment. Overhead a covey of German bombers drones, "mum-um-oom. . ." as gunners of the 376th A-A battery send up cones of fiery tracers in incandescent, orange paths. A bearded billy goat watches the pyrotechnic display beside a dugout where a sign says "Chaplain, E. T. Connors."

The panorama below is like 20 Ringling circuses, except that the vehicles are a dirty drab and belong to the 746th Tank Bn. Those industrious ants among the martial insects, the 15th Combat Engineers, are throwing a pontoon bridge across a stream while Nazi fighters dip through the low overcast and fire lethal bursts. The engineers work on, each expendable. "Takes the worst to show the best in a man," says an admiring voice. Sure, Fr. Connors! Mosaic bits from a never-never world which might not have existed. Another life! So here they are again, the men of the old Ninth. And here he is, "Tough Guy" Connors, looking younger and greener in spirit than his 50-plus years. New Guard salute!

26 FA News

neers who hadn't seen some of the boys since 1945. Si Garber or Sid Levinson should take time out to write a story about the Engineers.

Tom Boyle of "C" Btry 26FA should write a few words about his boys who came on from New Jersey and Ohio. I know that they have an interesting story.

Ted Schmidt of "Hdqtrs" 26FA left Philadelphia at 5 am on Saturday morning and was in Boston by noontime. Needless to say Ted was a little disappointed when he did not see any men from that battery.

Everyone in 26FA knew Tony Salton. Tony was the driver for that inseparable pair of Lockett and Huber. Whether they were looking for the enemy, a new bivouac or a tomato patch Tony was at the wheel. Tony was in Boston and like the rest of us has added about thirty pounds to his mid section. For those who would like to send a note to Tony his address is 4320 So. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Paul Fribush with Mollie, Sam and Phil were in from Baltimore. I hope that they enjoyed their visit. There were a few from Service Btry 26FA to say hello to Paul.

The 1957 convention is over but the memory lingers on. The Boston committee worked hard to make it an enjoyable weekend for you. If you missed Boston you missed that which keeps us going. The National Office was most cooperative with their help and suggestions to make 1957 the best convention. They too, are sorry if you missed Boston.

QM News

by Bill Palady

Some people might say that the convention is over, some people might say that it is all over and done with, but this is not so, with the lads and lassies of the 9th Q.M. . . We might say and we do, that the 12th Annual reunion in Boston had the best turnout of any reunion as far as the 9th Q.M.'ers are concerned.

I'll just mention a few who were there: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dreifus, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. John Iovenio, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Penardo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hokanson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Urcinolo, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins, Harry Orenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray and Tony Tullio. We might mention that Nick Saggio was to be in Boston but could not make plane reservations in time to get to Boston.

Highlights of the Trip

Our sojourn driving up to Boston took us into the Port Jervis, New York area where we stopped off to see J. C. Stone and his family. After spending a few hours with J. C. we then went to New Haven, Conn., there we saw Vince Amore, Howard Rusfelder and Frank Manyne. We finally ended up at John Iovenio's house and we hashed up some old stories. We managed to speak to the following men on the phone; Pete Compton, Louis Quarneri, Sal Vince, Vince Ponzo and Bob Cestaro. From New Haven we set our course for West Warwick, Rhode Island and spent a real fine day with Nick and Mrs. Penardo. The same day we were joined by Tony Tullio who flew in from North Tonawanda, New York. On the following day, July 4th, the group packed the C Rations, wives, and ahem! extra rations. . . and off we went to Boston. In Boston we had a wonderful chat with Joe D'Anticono. Joe apologized for not making the Boston run as he had already made plans to spend the weekend in Cape Cod with his family.

To elaborate and talk on about the convention is something that takes time and patience. We all enjoyed this get-together and everyone who attended from our little group certainly made the most of this great weekend. All we can add, is start making plans now, to attend the 13th annual reunion in Columbus, Ohio next year.

Oh, incidentally, if any of my old buddies happen to pass thru McKeesport, Pa., the Palady door is always open to my former friends. . .

Just 11

months

The Columbus Ohio Reunion

Plan Now to

Attend . . .

On November 10, 1957 at Worcester Fr. Connors will again celebrate his Memorial Mass. If you have never been to Worcester, plan now. If you haven't been for a long time, plan now.

Division Artillery

KENNETH GROSSE of 236 Hawthorne Ave, Yorkers, N.Y. is happily married and is actively engaged in Politics. As a living he makes his dough selling autos, and as a hobby he rates politically. Ken is a councilman and tells us that he likes his hobby because it gives him an opportunity to make many friends and a chance at new and different experiences. Ken, every once in a while, sees Marty Pysz, of the 15th Engineers, who formerly lived in Conn, but now is living in Yonkers. . .

EDWIN M. MARKS of Box 202 R. R. 8, Old State Road, Evansville, Indiana. Ed is a mechanical Engineer these days and is married to a great gal. . .

BILL LYERLY of 7 Clayton Street, Montgomery, Alabama is still single. Bill is the director of the Alabama Highway Patrol. Bill ranks his hobbies as living and sports and tells us that he likes living because he enjoys it so much. Bill would like to see the old gang and hopes to make every effort to do so by attending a reunion.

PETER P. CICORO, Jr. of 29 Richelieu Terrace, Newark 6, N.J. is still a single man who makes his dough-ray-me as a Road Builder. Bill is a foreman with the Standard Bitulithic Co. and is just nuts about Trout Fishing.

26th F. A.

L. L. DOYLE of 16 Country Gardens, Mattoon, Illinois is the proud daddy of two youngsters, Loring Craig who is 8½ and Eric Martin who is 6½. Doyle is a Railroad with the B C C & St. Division of the New York Central. His favorite hobbies are pipe smoking and building furniture. We are informed that Doyle likes pipe smoking best because it takes less energy. Loring we are informed by his wife hates to write letters but sure likes to read the Octofoil. Thank you Marianne for helping us with our information about your pride and joy.

Headquarters Battery

E. C. ROSCOE, c/o of E. E. Heeks, Storrs, Connecticut lives with his two children, Linda and Larry in a fine little house. E. C. is a Business Assistant. Roscoe end his note with a remark that he always attends the O'Connor Reunion in Worcester as he always manages to meet some of the old bunch. . .

A Battery

WILLIAM L. SNODGRASS of 536 So. Grand Street, Orange, California is a clerk in a marine hardware store. He is really living it up these days with his two daughters Linda Jeanette and Patricia Ellen. Bill likes Woodwork and music. Woodworking takes first place on his list of hobbies because it helps him in repairing all the little things about the house.

B Battery

GEORGE W. WILSON of 231 Main Street, W. Concord, Mass. spends his normal eight hour day as a postal clerk and the balance of his time in his own home with William G. and Jean Lee as tent mates. He claims that his kids are his best buddies these days.

W. GRISBACK of 215 W. Town Street has one fine little gal in Audrey. The only kicks he gets these days is to live it up. Outside of this, he likes to attend the Worcester reunions because it gives him a chance to meet the old gang.

C Battery

CAPT. W. R. WHITE of the 36th Signal Co. P. O. Box 547 is now living in Dennison Texas with this three fine kids, Jans Ellen,

Mail Bag

We have dipped back into our files and are now getting our old questionnaires into action. We thought some of you might be interested to learn about your old friends. This section will be devoted to the Artillery. . .

Susan and Richard. White is in the Insurance, Real Estate and Finance Business and is still in the Guard. He is a Captain with the 36th Signal Co.

We are sorry to inform the men of the 26th F.A. that we received word that Melvin D. Edwards passed away.

HAROLD FRANZ of 619 Franklin Street, Elkhart, Indiana tells us that he has four fine youngsters. Two boys and two girls. Harold invites any of his old buddies going out to the Notre Dame Stadium to stop in and say "Hello." Harold had an occasion to visit with Ted Schmidt and Mischler when he was last in Philadelphia. Harold is in the lumber business. Harold is an old friend and takes time to remind the editor of old 9th Show Biz days. We remember well. . .

84th Field Artillery

ANTHONY A. LOSCALZO of 1834 Jennings Road, Fairfield, Conn., makes his pencil work real hard because this is the way Tony makes his living. Tony for the record is a Commercial Artist. Tony has two kids, Glee and Kathy. Tony spends his time golfing because he needs this type of relaxation after a hard days work and the exercise is the thing he needs these days. Tony sees Walter Tondettar every once in a while.

WALDON LEWIS of 812 W. Exchange Street, Jerseyville, Illinois, writes that he wants some news of his friends from C Battery and Headquarters. Waldon is with the Illinois Division of Forestry, covering 6 counties in Western Illinois along the Illinois and the Mississippi Rivers. Waldon's office is in Jerseyville, and would be happy to see any of the boys who come through his town.

JAMES K. HAROUTUNIAN of 90 McLeane Ave. Yonkers, N.Y. spends his time with Bobby his pride and joy during his off hours and on time in works at selling oriental rugs. He has met up with Arron Lubansky in N.Y. and wants to say hello to all his X buddies

in Hq. and Service Battery.

VINCENT RECCHIA of 77 What Cheer Ave., Providence, R.I. is still a single lad and occupies his time as a mould maker. He would like to say hello to George Wood and the old gang of A. Battery.

SAM ROBINSON of 95 Green Street, Lynn, Mass is now in the meat business. He left the car business and decided to engage in a more active profession. Sam has two kids and takes pride in his golf. Golf, because it takes his mind off of his worries. Sam has met up with Saul Garshman and Jack Kargir.

JOHN W. CATTLE of Box 390, Seward, Nebraska, has two little prides and joy, John Jr. and Rebecca. John by the way is a cashier for the Cattle National Bank.

CALVIN POLIVY of 405 Summit Ave., Cedarhurst, L.I. makes his living as an attorney and taking care of his kids, Cal is interested in Fishing and Golf. Cal has met up with George Pokofsky and asks the editor of the Octofoil, what happened to a weekend that he seems to have lost at a Columbus, Ohio, 9th Division Reunion.

JOS. J. BORDONARO of 601 E. 181 St., The Bronx is now an Assistant Gardener for the City of New York. Joe would like a full list of men and their units. This we might relate to further questions on the same subject is an impossible task because our records do not list the companies or batteries of every member and secondly we file alphabetically which presents a job when one has to separate 10,000 cards. . .

LT. COL. ROBERT C. MALING of 420-11 Kearney, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, shares his happiness with his four children, Sharon, Michael, Sammie and Robert, Jr. . . Col. Maling is still in the Army and tells us that he has met such old friends as, Lt. Col. D. C. France, Lt. Col. R. I. Williams, Major George Conley, Major William Ryeka.

BILL POUST of 325 School Street, Geneva, Illinois tells us

that he has two very wonderful sons, Steven and Jimmie. Bill is an Assistant Service Manager for an Automotive Parts Manufacturer. He likes to enjoy his Golf on Sundays on the outside and on the inside he enjoys woodworking. Bill has met up with X Sgt. Tony Sajdak formerly of Mason, Wisconsin.

CHESTER MIKUS of Fellowship Road, Moorestown, N.J. is the proud pop of Mary Lou, Chester, Jr., and Jimmie. Chester is a Printer by trade. He still gets a kick out of rasing show dogs.

EDWARD WALLSCHLEAGER of 532 Oaklawn Ave., Green Bay, Wisconsin takes time off his paper mill duties to romp with Joan Marie.

ORLANDO SAMBURO of 72 Meriline Ave., Waterbury, Conn., is still cutting hair these days in his own home town and has four charges, Vivian, Janet, Patty and Mark who help him run his shop. . .

15th Engineers:

B Company: Art Schmidt has stopped long enough in his travels to pen some notes and some news. "Over the Easter weekend I visited relatives in North Philadelphia. While there I took a chance and drove over to visit with Paul Lisa formerly of Company B, but now a civilian residing at 3006 North 24th Street in Phila. When I arrived at Paul's home I found him hard at work washing his car. After a short visit and a quick bottle of beer, Paul told me that he hopes to attend the convention in Boston and at the same time visit some relatives in the nearby area. At the moment, John Sabino and I, plan to go to Boston together. This should make for a comfortable and enjoyable trip. Charles Hoffman told me that he might fly up to Boston. John Gee is planning a trip but might have to last minute reschedule his final plans. His wife is expecting a blessed event and the date is right close to the 4th. . . My letter writing detail is proving out. Heard from Olaf S. Engelson and he said that he would try to make the May meeting of the New York Chapter. (We might add that Olaf did show because of Art's letter.) My letters bring both good and bad news. For example here is some bad and very sad news. Samuel Allen of Company B, and Monticello, Maine, died twelve years ago. I received this information from a reply of a Mrs. El-

bridge Delong of Houlton Maine. He died at the Togus Veteran Hospital in Togus, Maine. Carroll Leake, Box 88, Robstown, Texas wrote me and told that he is coming to Boston. He is flying up and expects to stay in Boston for 7 to 8 days. . . James Malcolm Otts (former C.O.) tells me that he is a married man these days and his lovely wife Alma are very happy in Maryland. Capt. Otts regrets that he won't be able to attend the convention as his wife's sister is getting married in Maryland on June 15th and his vacation schedule will not permit two extentions. However he asks that I convey his best regards to all of his former buddies of Company B. Incidentally Lt. Milton Marsh last summer spend a few days with Otts and they really had a good confab and he looks forward to seeing many more of his engineers in the not too distant future. Last Wednesday, May 30th, I visited John Gee at 260-41 Langston Ave, Glens Oaks, N.Y. After a couple of beers John told me that his wife Peggy is expecting on or about August 19. Now we have three men driving up to Boston as John Gee has joined our group. John H. Kirchhoff now lives at 151-09 34th Avenue, Flushing 54, N.Y. Former B Company men may remember him as being captured in Normandy and made a prisoner of war with former Sgt. Garguilo. "Pappy" Andrew Grauer, 1736 Mallard Road, Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y. won't be able to make the convention because his son has recently recuperated from a serious automobile accident and the expense between the boy and his wife puts a dent in any additional expenditures at this time. Art is really going great guns regarding the old Association. For example here is a quote from an article that he wrote for the D. A.V. "The 12th annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will be held on July 4-5-6 in Boston, Mass., at the Hotel Statler. Tickets for the 3 day affair are \$12.00 apiece. This includes a party, dance and banquet. There will also be a free bus tour and memorial services. The annual picnic of the Greater New York Chapter will also be held at Seely's Pond, Scotch Plains, N.J., the tickets for which will cost \$2.50 a piece. For full details on both events, please write Arthur R. Schmidt, 69-20 69th Avenue, Brooklyn 27, N.Y. . . All former members of the 9th Infantry Division men are invited to become members of their local chapters. Membership dues \$4.00 a year or \$10.00 for three years.

Publicity:

Al Fessenden (B-60th Inf) sends us a news item with this note: "I doubt if I will be able to attend this year's reunion but hoped this note that was printed in the James town. Sun, Jamestown, N.Y. will bring the gathering to the attention of some former members in Western New York. I can't do any more as I don't know just who they are or where they live. If I remember right the Association now takes in peace time members of the Division and if that is the case there is a large number from this community who took training in Dix. . . Best wishes for a successful convention and a rebuilding of the membership rolls. Here is a sample of his news release: Ninth Division Convention: The Ninth Division annual convention will be held July 4-5-6 at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Mass. Information as to cost for individuals can be secured by writing to Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall Ave. Somerville, Mass. Strip tickets for all events and including the cab-

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The above picture was sent to us by Robert McKibben of the red band. Shows Div. Art'y Band at 9th Medics area with Calandra of the Medicson the vocals. Shown are Von Stintina, Schaeffer, Jeep, McKibben, Johnson, Sgt. Annoni. . . Oh yea, it took place in the wide open spaces in Sicily, after the concert, the band packed their instruments and picked up the litters. Those days it was all in a day's work. . .

10,000 Soldiers Parade as 9th Celebrates 39th Anniversary

decision of the judges the winning chorus was the 47th. They completed the competition by singing the "Army Song and the Dog-face Soldier." Two very delightful songs we might add with much better words than Lilly Marlene. . .

Drill Competition

Four T O & E drill platoons, one from each regiment and Division Artillery competed next for a division trophy. Each platoon was allowed five minutes to strut their stuff. Here now was a real exhibition of close order drill very handsomely done by some real soldiers. One very interesting sidelight was the cheering stand of the Div. Art'y. As the men of the Artillery marched into the drill area, the Sergeant in charge of the group led them in a cheer and when it was over he hollered. "Sit". . . brother every man dropped as if an 8S landed in the middle of the group.

Baseball Game

At 1430 the Ninth Division team played the visitors from Fort Riley, naturally the 1st Division. And as always you can guess who won, it was the Ninth and I believe the score was 9 to 1 or 7 to 1.

Night Activities

From 1700 to 2400 the men and officers held various parties all over the post, their were officers parties, and NCO dance and an E.M. dance at the Service area.

At the officers party, John Clouser, representing the Ninth Infantry Division Association presented a Carson Charter to Major General Harry P. Storke officially recognizing the Ninth Infantry Division as members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Later on in the evening, John Clouser, Glen Moore and myself visited all the other clubs in the areas that were having parties and had an opportunity to see how the other groups were enjoying themselves. The Enlisted Men's dance was just as it always was, the men on one side watching the groups dancing and checking up on who they should ask for the next dance, the band in the center, the hostesses buzzing around, the girls very much in demand, and the punch. No, nothing has changed. . .

The NCO Club was something to see. . . The decor of this club we might say could very easily match some of the night clubs that we have been in as far as seating arrangement but one thing, can you imagine, rye at 20 cents a shot. . . Is this the army we used to know? . . .

The Officers Club was a very handsome building and we were told that this club was built by the Ninth Division. Truly a credit to the men who built this fine emporium.

All three of the visiting Ninth Division Association representatives concurrently agreed that spending a few hours with the Ninth was a thrill that they will not forget for a long time to come.

Hey man did
you pay your '57
dues yet!

Mail Bag

areet party July 4th, dance on July 5th, and banquet on July 6th, can be secured for \$12.00. . . Saturday morning July 6th, the annual memorial service for the 4,581 killed during the eight campaigns from Africa to Germany will be held." We know that Al's attempts to help well be worthwhile, as every bit counts. Thanks Al. . .

Detroit Men Attention:

Charles Michell of 11389 Chatham, Detroit 39, Michigan, (F-60th Inf) writes telling us that he is now settled down in his home and his job at the Burroughs Corporation, where he is a sub forman, are all in good order. Charles will not be able to attend the convention because his vacation starts on July 15th, however Charles asks—I wonder how many of us boys that crossed the Muse River in Belgium are left especially those of us who were prisoners of war. Would like to start or get together with men in the Detroit area to start a chapter.. Anyone interested contact Charles Mitchell. . .

Ninth Medical Battalion:

Our boy Sgt. Steven Budrick tells us that recently ran into SFC George D. Abatto who is now with the 5th Field Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass. George was with the Med Bn Detachment from February, 1941 to July, 1945.

9th Division Headquarters:

A couple of weeks ago walking down 5th Avenue, I ran into a very familiar face in the person of Larry Gottschalk who now makes his home on Kings Lane in Montrose, New York. Larry has not changed much except for the middle section and a quick gab session followed. Nicest thing about a big city. You have lots of room to meet lots of nice people.

New Men:

In the past month we have been able to say that the following are new men who are now members of our group.

47th Inf. Morris Schwartz, 43 Bretton Road, New Hyde Park, N. Y. Morris served with G Company.

39th: From C Company we have Charles Bilello, of 82 Cherry Lane Ramsey, New Jersey.

60th Infantry: From D Company we have Steve Chmielewski of 6-3rd Ave Garden City Park, N. Y. From E Company we now have Harry Limanni of 124 Birch Street, Willimantic, Conn.

15th Engineers: W. F. Havery of 226 Chestnut Ave, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

60th F. A.: Frank H. Sabadini of 140 Derby Street, Revere 51, Mass. We have heard from the following men as a result of our publicity in the various veteran magazines: SFC George Abatto (9th Med. Bn) now with the 5th Field Hospital in Fort Devens, Mass. E Company, 39th Infantry: Vernon H. Hill of 1014 Elmwood Street, Port Huron, Michigan. James Sawyer of P. O. Box 352, Circleville, Ohio a former 60th Infantry checks back with us for info regarding the convention. John Prokop of 144 John Street, Englewood, N.J. and Lee Yoder of 10 Union Street in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania also wrote for information about the reunion.

Anti-Tank Company, 39th Infantry: An old long friend of ours whom we have not heard from in many a moon, Joe Reeder of 10

The Fortunes of War

The other day we received a letter that is probably one of those requests that come once in a lifetime. We searched all of our files but to no avail we cannot find a Captain Eberhard as requested by Henry Dietrick. To make a long story short let us quote from the letter.

"I am trying to get the address of a Captain Eberhard who I believe served as a Captain in the 3rd Battalion of the 47th Infantry. I have word from Germany that a German Major, who was opposing Captain Eberhard at Flensburg there was a castle involved) would like to make contact with him. During the battle, Eberhard asked for a truce, to pick up the wounded. The German Major granted the request and after the job was finished, they had a cognac and resumed

fighting. I guess you can understand what a thrill it would be if they made contact." Signed Henry Dietrick of 132 Piaget Av., Clifton, New Jersey". . .

If anyone can be of service to this request please contact this office or better still contact Henry Dietrick at 132 Piaget Av., Clifton, New Jersey.

ATTENTION!

We recently received a note from Calvin Polivy, who asked us to reprint the following: "ANY ONE KNOWING AN ADDRESS WHERE WE CAN REACH FORMER WARRANT OFFICER, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S SECTION, WILLIAM C. PORTER, PLEASE CONTACT CALVIN POLIVY, 225 West 34th Street, New York 1, New York IMMEDIATELY. . .

From Here and There

"Hello"

That's all, just plain "Hello" from Joseph C. Woznicki of Pittsburgh, Pa., to all his old buddies from "C" Company, 15th Engineers. . .

Some New Faces:

Hy, to Nick Di Augustine, of 2401 River Road, Camden, N.J. For the record Nick is a former member of "H" company of the 60th Infantry. . . S.F.C. Lowell E. Frederick, Jr., of Locust Grove, Orange, Virginia. Lowell is a former D Company, 47th Infantry man. . .

Thanks to Interested Readers:

The March issue of the Octofoil carried an item concerning James Kraus who was looking for help concerning a doctor who served with the 34th F.A. Bn. We are indeed pleased at the response of our membership to this sympathetic appeal. Thanks to Everett Linseott, he is helping down Georgia way by contacting the local Georgia Medical roster. Our thanks also to John R Hue of 421 North Street, of Portsmouth, Virginia for supplying an on the spot detail of what specific area we can locate Dr. W. A. Wilkes. From north to south—the 9th Division men still flourish the banner of assistance. . . We thank you all for your wonderful cooperation in this matter. . .

East Chestnut Street, in Borden-town, New Jersey.

How's this for army routine: Sgt. Steve Budrick tells us that he has recently been on "TDY" to Fort Dix, New Jersey to act as an official rifle scorer for the "First Army Annual Service Rifle and Pistol Championship matches.

Paul Plunkett of 52 E. Lynn Street, Columbus, Ohio has really got all the people in his area on call for former Ninth men. For example: Jeanne Corke who works in the Ohio Federal Bank and is there financial secretary told Paul that a Harold Leist of 1933 Marston Road, Columbus, visited the bank and applied for a loan. When Jeanne learned he was a former Ninth man she told him about the Association and Harold promised her the next time he hits the bank he will bring his \$4.00 dues with him and sign up. While we are on the subject of Columbus, Ohio, Paul just sent us a card announcing the fact that he was recently elected as an Executive Vice President of the Columbus Typographical Union No. 5 in charge of ap-

Chapter Planned

After a full session with Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Crawford, Lt. John McGrath, Captain Charles McLean, and Major Fishgrund, representing the Ninth Division and John Clouser, the National President, Glen Moore, '58 Convention Chairmen and Stan Cohen, National Secretary speaking for the Association, many business details were discussed for the creation of Division Chapters. Further meetings will be held in November at the Worcester reunion.

As a result of these discussions the following is a reprint of an article that appeared in the "Mountaineer" the official newspaper of the Ninth Division.

Carson Chapter of 9th Division Association Is Planned

A Carson chapter of the 9th Inf. Div. association is in the planning stage following discussions between officers of the national organization and Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Crawford, assistant division commander. The officers — John Clouser, president; Glen Moore, 1958 national convention chairman; and Stanley Cohen, secretary-treasurer — came to Carson for the division Organization Day August 31.

The visitors presented a charter for a Carson chapter to Maj. Gen. Harry P. Storke, CG.

Association membership is open to all military personnel assigned to the 9th as well as "Old Reli-ables" veterans — military or civilian.

The 9th Div. Association fosters camaraderie beyond the physical area of the division, promotes division spirit and long-lasting esprit-de-corps into civilian life.

The "Old Reli-ables" Association acts as a clearing house for members' addresses and publishes a monthly newspaper, the Octofoil,

which keeps separated members in touch and aware of division activities.

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rest of YOUSE!

So They Say

In damaging parts of automobiles, women are sometimes claimed to be the worst of fenders — George Hart

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.
Post Office Box 66
Livingston, New Jersey

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.
Ladies Auxiliary \$5.00 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.
Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.